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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

December 19th, 2017

PRESENT:

Ron Montesi, Vice Chairman
George Ryan, Director
Mark Brown, Director
Greg Leggett, County Alternate
Dave Wick, LG Park Commission
Jim Lieberum, DM
Rhonda L. Jarvis, OM
Robert Bombard, WRS
Dean Moore, Sr. DT
Amy Hirsch, ES Office

Kevin Geraghty, County Administrator

Walt Lender, LGA Beth Gilles, LCh/LG Regional Planning

Brian Stienmuller, NYSSWCC Colin Dowd, WC DPW

Scott Fitscher, USDA Matt Simpson, WCSWCD Intern
Brian LaFlure, ES Office Maren Alexander, WC SWCD Intern

Jason Monroe, Highway Chestertown Chris Navitsky, LG Water Keeper Alex Novake, the Nature Conservancy

- 1) <u>Meeting was called to order:</u> Vice Chairman Montesi convened the Director's meeting at 12:10pm.
- 2) **Approval of the previous SWCD meeting minutes: Motion:** by Leggett to approve the November 2017 minutes, 2nd by Brown, carried.
- 3) **Presenter:** James Lieberum District accomplishments of 2017
- 4) Report of Officers:
 - a) Chairman Report: Thomas was out sick for this meeting, Montesi thanked all who attended and all for their help this year with many of the projects the District completed and stated.
 - b) Treasurer Report: As far as the financial situation, the District has an estimated \$94,422.43; most of it is in grant money. Bills for payment for December totaled \$6,170.50 for operating budget, approval of November financial report 2017. Motion: by Leggett to approve all bills for payment for November, 2nd by Ryan, carried. Motion: by Leggett to approve the financial report for November 2017, 2nd by Brown, carried.
 - c) **Correspondence:** 1. Christmas card from Jarrett Engineering. 2. Letter from Warren County office of the Administrators Kevin Geraghty that the County adopted the 2018 Budget as submitted in the amount of \$330,732.00 for the District. 3. Final Report from the Nature Conservancy. 4. 2017 Adirondack aquatic invasive response team report.

5) **SWCD Business:**

- a) District Board Member Vacancy, Motion: by Leggett to accept Evelyn Woods letter of resignation and send the suggestion of Timothy Thomas who is very interested and was one of the three candidates who were suggested from earlier in the year to Warren County Board of Supervisors, 2nd by Brown, carried.
- b) **2018 NYSCDEA Water Quality Symposium,** This year symposium will be held in Syracuse, NY at the DoubleTree by Hilton hotel from March 15-18, 2018, if any of the board members are interested please let Rhonda know so she can register you. All Staff members will be attending this year.
- c) **2018 NACD Attendance,** This year conference will be held in Nashville, TN from January 28- February 1, 2018 if any board member is interested please let Rhonda know so she can book it.
- d) **2018 Legislative Days,** This year Legislative Days will be held March 6 & 7 Hotel is Best Western in Albany, if any of the Board members are interested in going please let Rhonda or Jim no so it can be booked Lieberum will be attending along with one other staff member, hopefully board members will attend.
- e) **Appointment officers for 2018 District Board, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Motion:** by Ryan to keep the current members as presented for the year 2018, 2nd by Brown, carried.
- f) **2018-2019 Schroon Lake Eurasian Watermilfoil RFP, Motion:** by Ryan to send out the Schroon Lake Eurasian Watermilfoil RFP, 2nd by Leggett, carried.
- g) **Paid Family Leave, Motion** by Montesi to opt out of the Paid Family Leave act for this year along with Warren County, while things are be researched about it, 2nd by Ryan, carried.
- **h) GMC Bid response, Motion:** by Leggett to accept the bid amount of \$4,050.00 for the GMC auction bid, 2nd by Ryan, carried.
- i) Other, 1. District New Tire Program Start up, Moore will be looking into the companies that will help with this and WC DPW property for the program collection area. 2. City of Glens Falls would like to contract with the District for their MS4 program similar to the County, Queensbury, Lake George and Village of Lake George, Lieberum will get things on board and bring to next meeting for approval.
- Other Agencies: Brian Stienmuller, NYSSWC report was reviewed and Stienmuller attended and added it was a pleasurer like always to work with Warren County SWCD it is one of the well-organized districts, thank you staff. Dave talked about the new building the Lake George Park Commission is looking to build. Scott discussed the AEM farms and USDA funding that was awarded to the District. Amy and Brian discussed the completion of the Hazard Mitigation Plan for Warren County. Chris talked about the West brook projects and Exit 22 completions projects. Walt talk about many projects that was a group effort with the District and how working together we get projects completed. Kevin Geraghty mentioned all the great help and work the District has given Warren County and its towns and villages and city and for the District to continue the great job.

- 7) **District Staff Reports:**
 - a) James Lieberum, DM, NONE.
 - b) **Bob Bombard, WRS,** NONE.
 - c) **Dean Moore, Sr. DT,** NONE.
 - d) Nick Rowell, NRS, Rowell's, NONE.
- 8) <u>Adjournment:</u> Motion: by Ryan to adjourn Directors meeting at 2:10p.m., 2nd Brown, carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Rhonda L. Jarvis, Office Manager/ Treasurer Date Approved: